

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
October 4, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Vice-Mayor Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Community Development Administrator Bruce Ray offered the invocation. Vice-Mayor Nelson said to let the record show that Mayor Kim Holaway was absent and all other council members are present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: James Nelson, Jr., Vice Mayor
 Steve Erhart
 Gary Finch
 Debbie Rogers
 Byron Smith
 Tim Rasmussen

ABSENT: Kim Holaway, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Doug Brown, Town Attorney
 Bruce Ray, Community Development Administrator
 Mike Hogan, Chief of Police
 Katie Wood, Finance Administrator
 Frank Adams, Fire Department Captain
 Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk

ITEM #5: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. MAYOR

None.

B. COUNCIL

Councilor Gary Finch stated the groundbreaking for the LeSueur Drive Drainage Grant Project that was held September 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. went real well. Appreciated all of the Apache County people that were able to attend. Vice-Mayor James Nelson did a great job on his speech.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson announced that on October 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. there would be a State Redistricting Committee meeting in the council room. Mayor Kim Holaway requested them to have a meeting here in Eagar.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson stated that the Eagar Fire Department would be holding their 7th Annual Open House on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for part of

their Fire Prevention Week October 9th –15th. Friends from Native Air will be there also. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served.

C. STAFF

Town Manager Bill Greenwood pointed out the Eagar Centennial Pavers that were by the wall in council chambers and invited everyone to take a look at them. The town is still taking orders for them until December 30, 2011, so get your orders in.

The lights for Bashas` were under the purchase threshold and they are ordered and will be installed soon.

ITEM #6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Round Valley Senior and Community Services Center Director Sharon Pinckard passed out a report on the centers upcoming or recent activities, other updates and fund raising events/acquisitions. The Senior Center has all programs in place. Had a fund raising yard sale and made around \$700. There is a trip to Laughlin scheduled October 24, 2011 for the seniors in Round Valley. Besides the meals at the center, Meals on Wheels, activities and educational programs they also help with Medicare Insurance programs. Vice-Mayor James Nelson thanked Mrs. Pinckard for all that she and her helpers do for the senior citizens in our community.

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Becki Christensen reported:

- Lunch with the Law on October 13th at the Safire Restaurant at noon. Springerville Police Chief Mike Nuttall is speaking on preparing your business for the Christmas season and giving tips to discourage burglary and shoplifting. Invited the Eagar Fire Department to come and talk on decorating fire safe.
- The Chambers Annual Banquet will be held October 22, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall. David Korak an International Chef from Austria will be cooking a traditional Tuscany Gala Dinner. Tickets cost \$22. We will award the Business of the Year, Rookie Business of the Year, Beautification Awards (the Town of Eagar is one of the nominees), Volunteer of the Year, and Round Valley Citizen of the Year.
- Encouraged businesses to put a parade float in the Veterans Parade on November 10th that starts at 10:00 a.m. Headstart does the Luncheon.
- 2012 White Mountain Winter Jamboree will be held February 17th –19th and there will be a liquidation of winter stock.
- Working with Jay Whitmore on a newspaper tablet of 4 to 5 pages on historic things and schedules for 2012 Centennial activities. Get your information quickly to the chamber.

Eagar Resident Michelle Craig wants the town to set a standard or definition for an “all weather road”, so she can get access to her property that she wants to do a land split with. Apache County has a code for primitive roads and the town needs to do something also. Vice-Mayor James Nelson requested that this item be looked into and if needed put on the next agenda.

ITEM #7: PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION TO OCTOBER 2011 “SHINING STARS” COMMUNITY HONOREE(S)

Councilor Debbie Rogers announced that October’s Shining Star was Merrilea McBride. Councilor Rogers thanked Mrs. McBride for all that she has done in organizing Round Valley Rodeo Club Extravaganza. This group normally does six events a year but because of the Wallow Fire they were only able to do three events: 4th of July, Eagar Daze and a rodeo August 20th. At the Eagar Daze rodeo over 125 kids participated. Mrs. McBride also puts on a Gymnastic Camp, September through the end of April. They have over 150 kids in the gymnastic program this year that meets at the Primary School. Mrs. McBride also sits on the Boys & Girls Club Board. Appreciates the years and years of service to Round Valley that Mrs. McBride has given.

Merrilea McBride thanked the council and said without the towns support we couldn’t do it. This is a great community to live in and I am grateful to have been raised in such an awesome place. It is all about community service and my parents were two people that did a lot of that so I came about it naturally. My Dad use to say it is all about making memories and you can take those with you and if you are not willing to step out and help somebody then shame on you. Appreciates the town helping to make the organizations she is involved in be successful.

B. PRESENTATION BY SPRINGERVILLE-EAGAR REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR BECKI CHRISTENSEN REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE BUY LOCAL SURVEY

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Becki Christensen reported the results of the Buy Local Survey. First she surveyed the businesses in the community and then the residents. On some of the items we will have to work as a region. Mrs. Christensen did up a price sheet where she compared prices per size and unit with Wal-Mart, Alco, Safeway, Bashas, and Family Dollar. There were just a few cent differences on where the products were bought. Councilor Debbie Rogers said one thing as a footnote is coupon shopping. Bashas and Safeway triple coupons and Wal-Mart doesn’t. Mrs. Christensen said in the Chamber News they have an article on coupon shopping by Jocelyn Jones. The Chamber is going to announce something big at the end of the month that will help shopping in Round Valley. So be watching for the announcement.

ITEM #8: CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD SEPTEMBER 2011

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EAGAR AND SPRINGERVILLE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2011 AND SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2011 BANK TRANSMITTALS 1-21, NATIONAL BANK OF AZ
CHECKS WRITTEN FROM 30362-30886, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS
8111101-8251139, CARD MEMBER SERVICE CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Byron Smith seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

ITEM #9: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT, AND
TOWN'S SALES TAX REVENUE REPORT

Finance Administrator Katie Wood stated that there was a big swing in the revenues and expenditures. Department heads have been putting off expenditures until December until we pass the tentative budget. The town will be retiring debt early, refinancing some debt and paying some of that down early, and put some away in savings.

Town Manager Bill Greenwood said the sales tax report was up a little bit from a year ago. Our Calendar Year to Date was up a little and Fiscal Year to Date was down a little because of the fire. It is encouraging to businesses and they are cautiously optimistic.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-30
ALLOWING THE TOWN OF EAGAR TO ENTER INTO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
FINANCING AUTHORITY (WIFA) FINANCING FOR THE REFINANCING OF THE
KENNEDY WELL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to approve the Resolution 2011-30 allowing the Town of Eagar to enter into Water Infrastructure Financing Authority (WIFA) financing for the refinancing of the Kennedy Well in the amount of \$350,000. Councilor Byron Smith seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

ITEM #10: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW AN OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS
WATER CONNECTION

The council put a condition on their approval that Kyle Finch would be willing to be annexed when the town was ready to annex his property.

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to approve allowing the outside town limits water connection of Kyle Finch. Councilor Debbie Rogers seconded; Councilor Gary Finch called a conflict of interest and excused himself from the item and vote, all other councilors were in favor, motion carried. 5-0

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW THE EAGAR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A FIVE PERCENT MATCH GRANT UNDER THE FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR \$36,000

Fire Department Captain Frank Adams explained that the match was for \$1,800 that was in the fire department's budget. Councilor Debbie Rogers asked if they had foam capabilities at the time of the High School fire. Captain Adams said their new engine has foam and their older engines have a made up system that does provide a little foam but not as well as the newer one.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson moved to approve allowing the Eagar Fire Department to apply for a five percent match grant under the Fire Assistance Grant Program for \$36,000. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-31 PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE FFY 2011-12 NRA FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR NO MATCH GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,180

Police Chief Mike Hogan is working on getting a vehicle and squeezing every possible revenue source they can find. The GOHS is giving them an \$8,000 grant to be used toward the purchase of a police vehicle. Chief Hogan is hoping to come up with more money later on in the budget year to add to the \$8,000 GOHS funds to purchase a vehicle. Last year they got a \$25,000 vehicle and it cost \$12,000 for equipment. This grant will be for an In-car video system. Councilor Debbie Rogers asked if we could purchase the equipment and hold it until we got a vehicle. Chief Hogan said he could use the camera system even if we did not get a new vehicle.

Councilor Debbie Rogers moved to approve Resolution 2011-31 pertaining to the submission of a project for consideration in the FFY 2011-12 NRA Foundation Grant Program for no match grant funding in the amount of \$5,180. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT EFFORT WITH THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE, ROUND VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SPRINGERVILLE-EAGAR REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE TOWN OF EAGAR FOR A 12-MONTH CONTRACT WITH PROMOTER, TONY KYLE, TO MARKET AND PROMOTE FOUR PROPOSED EVENTS FOR \$19,000

Town Manager Bill Greenwood said that the Chamber is tapped out and unable to make a contribution right now. Tony Kyle sent another contract for 6-months that will get us pass the Winter Jam and if that goes al well as he thinks it will then we may be willing to go for another 6-months. Recommends the town go for the 6-month contract for \$2,400 for half. Mr. Greenwood said they could make it subject to (the School and the Town of Springerville

and juggling to pick up the slack on the Chamber part), the balance of funding being put in place.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson moved to enter into a joint effort with the Town of Springerville, Round Valley School District, Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Eagar for a 6-Month contract with promoter, Tony Kyle, to market and promote four proposed events for \$2,400 from the Town of Eagar contingent on the balance of funding being put in place by the other entities coming in. Councilor Debbie Rogers seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

E. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING COUNCIL/STAFF RETREAT

Vice-Mayor James Nelson spoke in the past we have had the council/staff retreat facilitated by the Mayor and the council and staff got together and times were a little bit better then from the town council and staff being in the same direction. Right now things are a little bit difficult, things are somewhat divided, partially because of things that I have been involved in and that I have done and that is very unfortunate. I would like to postpone the event and bring in a moderator and lets hash some details out and lets talk some real things and make sure that there is a referee there to kind of guide us. I would like to get back to the level of good feeling I had with staff and the council as a whole, as a town moving forward and from the right direction and try to get away from the negative cloud that has kind of over shadowed us for the last eight months or however long it has been.

Town Manager Bill Greenwood stated that he had visited with the Mayor and she agreed and still wanted to have the planning event and that can wait another month or two to set our goals for the community. Have this one first and try to get things worked out and then reschedule the one that is currently scheduled for the 17th of October.

Council set the date to meet on November 3, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. at the Trailriders.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson asked Town Manager Bill Greenwood to convey to the staff please, to come to a resolution as to what we have to move forward to as a

community and the stress that was created with recent events and to air some of these things out and move forward. I really think it is a good opportunity for us as a council/staff to try to develop some level of comfort and move forward.

ITEM #11: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Vice-Mayor and Councilors signed the minutes of September 2011. Town Attorney Doug Brown signed Resolutions 2011-30 and 2011-31 and the other required signatures will be obtained at a later date.

Eagar Council Regular Session
October 4, 2011

ITEM #12: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on October 4, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk